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Title: Preparation of Steel Surfaces for
Single-Dip Aluminum-Rich Zinc
Galvanising

Confirmation No.: 1703

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed March 14, 2006, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.